



Washington Center was awash in blue for Himno y Bandera!

During the weekend of March 18, Aruba's "Independence Day," the activities and celebrations seem never ending, as there was not only the official "national celebration" on Saturday night, but also many groups and barrios conducted events to mark the occasion. At the Centro di Juvenil Washington, the community enjoyed a full day of entertainment and interesting endeavors.

There was fun for all ages, including traditional kite competitions offering terrific prizes for young people ambitious enough to make their own kites, such as brand new cell phones generously donated by SETAR, N.V., Aruba's national telecommunications company. Esther and Sarah-Quita Offringa manned the paintball concession, which was particularly popular with the younger and teenage boys, and a slide and jumping castle kept the kiddies busy. Performances by Nelson Sprok with his "Caha di Orgel," amongst various singing groups, entertained throughout the day and mothers got a day off from cooking, as many families enjoyed traditional island dishes from the kitchens, while taking a break to cool off under the shade trees of the center. Some cleaned out their closet to offer goods of all sorts in the flea market, in addition to inspirational books and Himno y Bandera paraphernalia. There was something for everyone at the annual Washington Center Himno y Bandera celebration, and a great day was had by all!